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BY THE GOVERNOR OF WISCONSIN.

A THANKSGIVING PROCLAMATION.

By the favor of Almighty God, the year now closing, has been pre-eminently for abundant harvests and rich rewards to all forms of industry. By His favor, the blessings of health, of peace and of security to person and property have been continued unto us. By His favor, the honor and the prosperity of our State and Nation have been confirmed, and civil, religious and political liberty for ourselves and our posterity, reassured.

In grateful recognition of these and other innumerable benefits, and conforming to the recent proclamation of the President of the United States, in that behalf, I, WILLIAM E. SMITH, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby appoint

Thursday, the 25th of November, to be a day of public thanksgiving and prayer, and I recommend to all the people to observe it as such.

Our fathers were accustomed, upon similar occasions, to suspend all public and private business, and by appropriate religious services, to testify their appreciation of Divine favors, and their gratitude therefor. Let us follow their example.

It is a good time to give thanks unto the Lord, and to declare His works with rejoicing.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed, Done at the City of Madison, this 23rd day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand, eight hundred and eighty.

WILLIAM E. SMITH.

HENRY B. WALKER, Secretary of State.

Illinois gives Garfield a plurality over Hancock of 49,771.

Government 4 percent bonds are still on the rise. They have reached the extraordinary price of \$112 1/2.

The Democratic party ought to be thankful that it can lay itself away for the next four years and rest.

The State Journal, in its issue of Monday, has a long editorial endorsing Hon. E. W. Keyes for the United States Senate.

Hon. E. C. McPetridge, of Beaver Dam, will probably be Speaker of the Assembly. He has strong endorsements from all parts of the State.

In the South Carolina Legislature, there are six Republicans, and 158 Democrats. It is a wonder that the Democrats permitted those six Republicans to take 10 seats.

Ex-Governor Thad Pond, of this State could become Secretary of the Interior, Wisconsin would not only be satisfied, but the office would be filled by one of the best executive men in the West.

According to the report of the Second Auditor of the United States Treasury, the actual expenditures of the government on account of the war, from April, 1863, to June, 1879, were \$15,588,138.343.

DEATH OF PROFESSOR WATSON.

It is with the deepest regret that the Gazette announces the sudden and untimely death of Prof. James C. Watson, director of the Washburn Observatory, at Madison. The particulars regarding his death will be found in a special telegram from Madison.

Professor Watson was born of American parents, in Canada West, in 1838. In 1857 he was graduated from the University of Michigan, and in 1859 he was elected professor of astronomy of that institution. In 1860 he wrote a popular treatise on comets, and in 1868, he gave the world his "Theoretical Astronomy" which became very popular with the colleges. During his investigations into astronomical science, he discovered several new planets, and in 1870, the French Academy of Sciences awarded him the astronomical prize for his important discoveries. Professor Watson was one of the foremost astronomers of the age, and his loss to that science is almost irreparable. While prosecuting his studies and carrying on his investigations, he traveled considerably in Europe, and had been twice around the world.

THE MANIA FOR SUICIDE.

Last week a minister in New York preached a sermon on "The current mania for suicide; its scientific remedy." He attempted to give the history of suicide, and to show that in ancient times this manner of taking one's self out of the way, was of good repute. The bible gives a number of cases of prominent suicides, the last one mentioned being that of Judas Iscariot. The Greeks and Romans believed in suicide and practiced it pretty freely. The Hindoo widows took pleasure in casting themselves on the funeral pyre of their husbands, and the Japanese nobleman who is insulted becomes deranged, and commits suicide. The mania to take in one's own hands the business of shutting off this mortal coil, is on the increase. It prevails to a greater extent in the countries of Europe than it does in the United States. It has been stated that the annual average of suicide in Europe is not less than 30,000; and it has been computed that the average in the world is more than one suicide in every two minutes—nearly 250,000 a year—which is three times more than are converted to Christianity.

A New York divine suggests a scientific remedy for the mania of suicide. He starts out with the proposition that as a rule it comes either from religious fanaticism, as in the case of the victims of Judgement, or from want of true religion, as in the case of the Romans. He believes that if everybody had an unflinching faith in God, there

would be no suicide. He might also have said with equal force, that if everybody enjoyed good health and well-balanced minds, suicide would never occur. It is a fact that all the suicides which take place in this country, come from disordered minds. This mental disease is usually the result of disappointment either in love or in business, and sometimes it is caused by long sickness. But Mr. Cleaver, of New York, who has assumed to give a remedy for the mania of self-destruction, says the only scientific remedy is a hearty acceptance in Christianity. He undertakes to say that the only thing which will prevent suicide is a firm belief in God, and he asserts that in countries and cities where religion is neglected, suicide is on the increase, and he names Boston as one of the cities in which suicide increases with the increase of infidelity.

But Mr. Cleaver's scientific remedy does not hold good in this country. There have been a great many pious men and women, who have committed suicide. Their devotion to Christianity did not, and could not, prevent disappointment nor keep misfortune from the door. Events which no amount of faith in God could control, have overtaken them, and have made wrecks of their minds, and in the search for relief, they found it only in death brought on with their own hands. The great cause of suicide is a disordered mind, a peculiar mental condition which makes death more to be desired than life. Among medical men, and those outside of the profession who have paid any attention to the subject, it is generally conceded that a person who is sane—whose mental powers are in a normal state, can not voluntarily take death in his own hands. Under sentence, or in battle, persons have met their fate bravely, but there is no record of a single person in good health and of a sound mind, becoming his own destroyer. The scientific remedy for suicide is not what Mr. Cleaver chooses to call, a practical belief in God. The remedy is one which battles the best scientific men of the age. The question, "how can suicide be checked?" has been asked a thousand times, but no practical answer has been given.

WHAT TO DO WITH GENERAL GRANT.

Some papers are troubled about the future of General Grant. They make all sorts of suggestions as to what should be done with him. One paper wants to raise a pension fund for him. Another wants to make him captain general of the army. Still another suggests that he might be sent to the Senate from Illinois. Again, others think he might engage himself in building railroads at a good salary. The tenor of these papers would lead one to infer that General Grant is a pauper, and that his fortune of \$300,000 to \$400,000 is a dead loss to him. The Gazette would suggest that it is about time to stop this discussion, and it would be a little more manly if some of the metropolitan sheets would exercise a little common sense and respect in speaking of the future of the greatest captain and the best known and most popular man of modern times.

There is a future for General Grant. It is not necessary to create a pension fund for him, to send him to the Senate, or to set him to building railroads, that he might have the wherewithal to give him adequate support. There is a place in this government for General Grant. It is in the administration of President Garfield. It is a place of dignity and importance, and next to the Presidency itself—the position of Secretary of State. The Gazette volunteers to make the assertion that there is no man in this country who could fill that responsible office with more ability than General Grant. When he returned from Europe a little more than a year ago, and began his series of speeches on his famous travels through all parts of this country, he frequently spoke of the study he gave the systems of consulates of all the leading powers of the world, and for this reason he strongly intimated that were he called to the Presidency again his thorough study and observation would enable him to make his administration more successful than his two previous ones.

General Grant should be made Secretary of State for the following substantial reasons:

1. He has given the consular systems more thorough study than any other man in America.
 2. His thoroughly practical turn of mind has enabled him to elect the best features and to suggest the best possible methods for making the consulates valuable to the commercial and industrial interests of this country.
 3. We believe he would accept the position; this is shown by his speeches on his return to his own country and by his frequent private utterances on this subject.
 4. Every foreign power would have unbounded confidence in him.
 5. Next to the Presidency the office of Secretary of State is the most important position in our country, and it would be a recognition of his past services, and at the same time give the country the benefit of his experience.
 6. Speaking as he has on the subject, he would look upon it as a duty to accept the position if tendered him.
 8. He has never shirked a duty.
- Under all the circumstances we do not believe that General Grant would refuse to serve his country and to confer a favor upon foreign powers, if asked to enter the cabinet of President Garfield, neither do we believe that because he once occupied the Presidential chair himself,

that he would consider it a humiliation to serve as Secretary of State of the United States. Above any other man in this country, General Grant is the man for the place.

AFTER THE LOAVES.

Speculation Relating to the Wisconsin Legislative Offices.

The Speaker's Gavel Will Undoubtedly Fall to Hon. E. C. McPetridge.

James G. Fair Not Sure of a Seat in the United States Senate.

He is Charged with Wholesale Bribery of the Nevada Legislature.

President Garfield Will Give General Grant an Office, if He Wants One.

The Ceremony of Unveiling the Hamilton Statue in Central Park.

General Garfield Expected in Washington This Week.

Death of Prof. James C. Watson, of the Wisconsin University.

OBITUARY.

Death of Prof. James C. Watson, of the State University.

MADISON, Nov. 23.—Professor James C. Watson, the eminent astronomer, died at his residence at the State University, at six o'clock this morning, after a few days' illness. Professor Watson was taken with a violent cold, three or four days ago, but had so far recovered that he was out yesterday morning. He was taken with congestion of the bowels soon after returning to his room, and at noon the doctors despaired of his life. In the afternoon he was somewhat better, but was taken worse in the night, and died at six o'clock this morning. Professor Watson assumed charge of the Washburn Observatory at the State University a year and a half ago, coming here from the Michigan Observatory, with which he had been connected some twenty years. A deep gloom pervades the city at his unexpected death, and our State University and the cause of science throughout the world, has sustained a great loss by his death.

WISCONSIN.

The Speculations in Relation to Legislative Offices.

MADISON, Nov. 22.—Next to the United States Senate, the speakership of the next Assembly has until within a few days engrossed the greatest attention of the politicians, but an unusually thorough and complete canvass of the members-elect develops such popularity and strength among them of the Hon. E. C. McPetridge, of Dodge, as to make his election so certain that the interest and excitement attending to a close contest will be missing in this. Mr. McPetridge was elected to the Assembly in 1878, in the Beaver Dam district, by a majority of 300, although the Democratic majority in the district is nearly 1,000. He was elected State senator from Dodge county the following year by a majority of 400, overcoming an opposition majority of over 1,000, and now in the Presidential year, when party lines were so invariably close drawn, he again overcame an adverse majority of 1,000, and was returned to the Assembly by a handsome majority.

Mr. McPetridge has thus served in both branches of the Legislature, which fact, together with the conceded one that he possesses parliamentary ability and skill of a high order, will make his election an entirely proper one. The Hon. Ira B. Bradford, of Kenosha, the Hon. S. W. Merand, of Lincoln, and the Hon. S. W. Pierce, of Adams, are also mentioned in this connection, though, with the exception of Mr. Bradford, neither is understood to be making an active canvass for the position.

Mr. Bradford has all the requisite qualifications of a first class speaker, but, having served only one term in the assembly, probably hardly expects to be elected the next Speaker; but his present candidacy may make him the successor of Speaker McPetridge the following session, should he be then a member.

The Hon. John Eldred will be elected Chief Clerk of the Assembly, and the Hon. Charles E. Bross, of the Senate, without opposition.

THE CHINESE TREATY.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 22.—It is thought that the new Chinese treaty is in the nature of the bill valued by the President, limiting the arrival of Chinese to this country to fifteen on each ship, and to persons engaged in commercial business and not as laborers. The officials of the State department are still reticent as to the facts of the matter.

GENERAL GARFIELD.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 22.—General Garfield, who is expected in Washington this week, will probably remain for several days. There will be a desperate struggle for precedence among those who are anxious to do him honor.

GENERAL GRANT.

President Garfield will give the General an Office if He Wants One.

New York, Nov. 22.—A special from Washington to-day says: A gentleman who has recently returned from a visit to General Garfield says that the rivalries within the party which came to light at Chicago are not to enter the next Administration. Appointments, so far as they are political, are to be based on personal fitness and fidelity to the United States Republican party. This gentleman says that some important office will be tendered to General Grant.

ALEXANDER HAMILTON.

The Ceremony of Unveiling the Statue in Central Park.

New York, Nov. 22.—The ceremony of unveiling the statue of Alexander Hamilton, the first Secretary of the Treasury of the United States, took place this afternoon in Central park, in the vicinity of the museum of art and the site for the Egyptian obelisk.

President Hayes, General Grant, Secretary Everts, Governor Cornell and other distinguished citizens of the country were present. The following was the programme:

1. The President of the department of public parks of the city of New York, Mr. Hoffman presided, and opened the ceremonies.
 2. Presentation to the city by Mr. John C. Hamilton, son of Alexander Hamilton.
 3. Acceptance by his Honor the Mayor of the city of New York.
 4. Address by William M. Everts, Secretary of State of the United States of America.
 5. Address by ex-Governor Alexander Hamilton Bullock, of Massachusetts.
 6. Address by Mr. Chauncey M. Depew, ex-Secretary of State of the State of New York.
 7. Address by Mr. Benjamin Harris Brewster, ex-Attorney-General of Pennsylvania.
- President Hayes, General Grant, Governor Cornell, and ex-Governor Jewell were accompanied by their respective families. Members of the Society of the Cincinnati, the Society of St. Andrews, the Society of Civil Engineers, and members of the city and State governments attended.

JAMES G. FAIR.

Not So Sure of a Seat in the United States Senate.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 22.—In Republican political circles to-day there is quite a buoyant feeling on the subject of party control in the Senate after the 4th of next March. Heretofore the Republican papers have rested mainly on the doubts on the attitude of General Milburn, but from the expressions of to-day it is shown that the Republicans consider that they have another string to their bow. It is hinted that a cue will be made up against Mr. Fair, of Nevada, and objection raised for his admission on the ground of notorious bribery and corruption in the election of members of the Legislature. It is claimed that there has been no concealment of the fact that large sums of money were spent in the interest of Mr. Fair to secure the election of members of the Legislature favorable to his election, and that names, dates, and amounts can and will be given. It is quite true that there has been much talk about the use of money and other improper influences in controlling the senatorial contest in Nevada.

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